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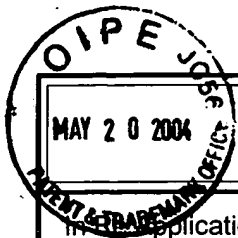
Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated April 28, 2004, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, and the Species readable on Figure 8(a) where the means for coupling the coupling member to the wire is by cramping, readable on claims 1-3 and 6-13.

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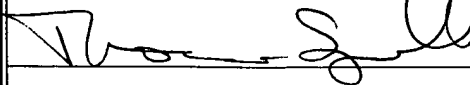
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